



A PARTY 'ON THE MANAGEMENT' . . . The members of the staff of the Torrance J. C. Penny Co., are pictured above with their wives, husbands and members of the management at a party staged in New Chinatown, Los Angeles, Saturday night. The affair was an entertainment sponsored by the managerial staff of the Torrance Penny store, and the group enjoyed the evening in dining, dancing and other entertainment.

CITY DECLARED SOLVENT BUT STILL OWES \$45,000 TO WATER DEPARTMENT FUND

The City of Torrance will enter the fiscal year 1947-48 with a substantial working balance in the general fund, sufficient to carry the city over the "dry period" to Aug. 1, according to a report given the City Council Tuesday afternoon by L. R. Cotton, auditor under contract with the city.

7th, 8th Graders To Be Housed In High School Here

Seventh and eighth grades of Torrance City schools will continue to attend classes in Torrance high school next year, according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

The Board of Education Tuesday night approved the recommendation that the seventh and eighth grades be housed in the high school on a coordinated program with Redondo Union High School district, which assures control of the high school as of July 1.

Torrance high school, under Los Angeles throughout the years until next year, has been a "six year" school, with seventh, eighth and ninth graders considered "junior high school" students and the 10th, 11th and 12th grade students considered "high school" students.

Torrance automatically adopts the "eight-four" plan, eight years of elementary school and four years of high school, and thus the ninth to twelfth graders become "high school" students next year, while the seventh and eighth graders remain "elementary" students, although housed in the high school, it is pointed out.

However, under the state law, allocation of funds for elementary and high school students has followed the procedure adopted in Torrance for next year. The state funds for seventh and eighth graders have been dispensed on the basis of "elementary" average daily attendance, while the ninth graders have been classed under the law as "high school" students.

Torrance city schools will arrange with Redondo on coordinating instrumental music, it was said. There will be one teacher assigned to the high school and one in the elementary schools, with overlapping schedules. The high school teacher will act as director, according to Hull.

New Lake For Alondra Park Is Announced

Residents surrounding Alondra park, who have been hoping for beautification of their area, will soon have a lake upon which to feast their eyes, according to action taken by the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting.

Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the Board, announced approval of plans and specifications for an artificial lake within Alondra park to be known as Lake Alondra.

The area of the lake will encompass 14 acres, and will be located in the south central portion just west of the Flood Control channel in Alondra park, declared Darby. Instructions were given to the clerk of the Board to advertise for bids on contractors, to be opened June 17, 1947.

POPULATION TO BE 3,798,356

Total population of Los Angeles County next July will be 3,798,356, according to figures released today by the statistical department of the County Regional Planning Commission.

Chamber Asks Removal Of Building Ruins

The City of Torrance Tuesday was asked by the directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce to institute action immediately abating the premises at Cabrillo ave. and Grammercy ave., formerly occupied by a garage demolished by the 1941 earthquake.

Purchased in 1945 by a group of local citizens as a site for a proposed Veterans Memorial hall, the site has been resold and the brick walls standing there are considered unsightly and a disgrace to the central business district.

The Chamber directors asked that the walls be removed because they are a menace to public safety.

Torrance Man Tries To End Life, Misses

Barney Tullar, 34, of 2014 Torrance Blvd., was in the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Glendale Monday night after an unsuccessful suicide attempt.

According to police reports, Tullar sat down before the iron gates of Forest Lawn cemetery and fired three bullets into his left side. But all of the bullets missed the heart. He was taken to the hospital, where physicians said his condition was fair.

One of his "last letters," addressed to "the coroner's jury" asked: "Please find a verdict of heart failure due to the shock of a .32 caliber automatic, self-inflicted. No autopsy is needed because God has so far seen fit to keep my body whole."

Tullar also addressed letters to a Forest Lawn executive, with funeral instructions, and another note addressed to "Ladies and Gentlemen." He asked that at his funeral "there be no music and pray for me only three minutes."

Kuhn, Russell And Lyder Reelected To El Camino Board At Fri. Election

El Camino College will be directed by a board of trustees consisting of N. R. Kuhn, Manhattan Beach; Robert Russell, Redondo Beach; Jordan Dunaway, Hawthorne; Ernest E. Lyder, El Segundo, and Melvin Allen, Inglewood, as a result of the election conducted throughout the district last Friday.

El Camino Will Be Incentive To Develop Park

Development of El Camino College at Alondra park will be an initial step toward improvement of that vast area vacant for 20 years, and it will prove an incentive for the county to carry on with the development, Chairman Raymond V. Darby, of the board of supervisors, told Torrance Rotary club members.

Darby traced the financial difficulties leading to the sale of 75 acres to El Camino college district for \$1,000 an acre and pointed out the \$75,000 will be put right back into the park in athletic facilities for the college and public use when not required by the college.

He said that the cost of the 318-acre park, under the Mattoon act district, was \$1,818,000. In 1927, and that \$777,000 had to be raised to adjudicate the bonds when the people of the district found they were unable to pay off the initial price.

He said that since the people of the area surrounding the park, including many Torrance taxpayers, had purchased the land, it should not be necessary for them to have to buy the land again for a college, and therefore insisted on the program adopted by the supervisors for return of the money paid to the park.

Principals of Perry and Walteria Schools Picked By Torrance Board

Principals of the Perry and Walteria elementary schools of Torrance City School District were selected Tuesday night by the Board of Education, Dr. Howard A. Wood, president, announced.

Robert C. Morton has been selected as principal of the Perry school, in North Torrance. Coming to Torrance highly recommended, Morton was a teacher and principal in Waverly and Kansas City, Kan., schools, before entering the armed forces. He spent from 1941 to 1946 in the U. S. Army as a personnel officer, and now is working for his master's degree in school administration at Claremont Graduate school, Claremont, Calif. He is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers college, where he received his A. B. and B. S. degree in education. He is married and 32 years of age.

D. Boone Kirks has been selected as principal of Walteria school. He is a graduate of University of Redlands, where he received his B. A. degree in 1935 and subsequently his administrative credentials in education. Kirks also has attended University of California at Los Angeles, taking courses in administration and philosophy. He has served as a teacher and principal in Escondido Union schools from 1938 to the present time. He is 37 years of age and father of three children.

It was announced by Dr. Wood that approximately 20 teachers already have been interviewed by Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull and contracts presented them for signing.

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM, NEW BUILDINGS NEEDED TO GIVE TORRANCE SCHOOLS DESIRED

That it will take five years to develop the school system that the people of Torrance desire, was the statement Thursday night of Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

In a talk to members of the Torrance Rotary club, the superintendent said that residential expansion and caring for the school children residing within

the limits of Torrance will require the expenditure of upwards of \$850,000. The statement was made in support of the proposal of the Torrance City Board of Education that an additional tax of 50 cents per \$100 assessed valuation be levied next year.

The money is needed for operation of the schools since Los Angeles schools get the state school support next year, under the law.

Introduced by Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, Hull said:

"I believe in public education. I was brought here to give the children of Torrance the kind of schools their parents desire."

Pointing out that there are many more children residing in Torrance than had at first been anticipated, he said that for 2,000 kindergarten to eighth graders, 67 teachers will be required.

"We will have a school payroll of \$250,000, and the present 90 cent tax will produce only \$274,000. That means we

School Tax Proposal Wins Wide Support

Substantial community-wide support is being given to the Torrance City Board of Education in its program to adequately finance the schools of Torrance for the first year by raising the maximum tax limit from 90 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.40 for one year.

A series of meetings this week brought out the fact that industrial and commercial leaders are solidly behind the proposal, made necessary because Torrance will get no state school support funds the first year. The money goes to Los Angeles, on behalf of the average daily attendance in Torrance under Los Angeles city schools control this year.

Torrance schools budget will be short approximately \$150,000, due to the fact no state school funds are available the first year, according to Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education, and J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

On Monday, Superintendent Hull met with a group of industrial and commercial leaders in the Chamber of Commerce, to present the problem to them. The meeting was arranged by R. I. Plomert Jr., tax department manager for General Petroleum Corporation.

The group wholeheartedly endorsed the one-year tax raise as essential to operation of the Torrance schools the first year.

The plan also was endorsed on Tuesday by the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, after meeting with Dr. Wood and Superintendent Hull. The election will be held July 22, but under a new law just enacted the funds will be available next year.

Flight Strip Entry Permit To Be Signed By Torrance City Officials Tomorrow

County Would Take Airport, Darby Declares

The County of Los Angeles would step in and take over the army developed flight strip in South Torrance before allowing it to slip away from the people of Torrance, according to Chairman Raymond V. Darby, of the board of supervisors.

He said that even though the flight strip is located within the confines of Torrance, the City of Los Angeles would like to get possession of the field. He revealed that Los Angeles has been seeking airports throughout the county, but that the County of Los Angeles is exercising its priority rights in many cases thus preventing Los Angeles city from acquiring ports which can be used to advantage by the county.

"The County of Los Angeles will take over the Torrance army airport if you can't get it," Darby said. "We will set up a program and operate the airport for you."

He said that "aviation won the war" and it is the purpose of the county to "preserve every airport for our own safety and the safety of the nation."

CONNER ATTENDING CONVENTION OF POSTMASTERS

Postmaster C. Earl Conner is attending the meeting of the California chapter of the National Association of Postmasters in Hollywood.

The sessions opened yesterday in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and will end today.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. announced late yesterday that the City of Torrance will sign papers granting right of entry to the Army-developed Lomita flight strip tomorrow morning. The right of entry papers will be executed in the office of the United States Engineers in Los Angeles, pending the issuance of an interim permit from the government giving Torrance full control over the vast 480-acre Torrance airport.

Township Split Ordered July 1 By Supervisors

Settling a question which has been pending for several weeks the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting adopted a new boundary line which will separate the recently created judicial townships of Inglewood and Gardena, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the Board.

The Inglewood township will be situated northerly and westerly of the boundary line while the Gardena township will be located southerly of the defined line.

The new division as ordered by the Board of Supervisors places Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and county unincorporated territory in the Gardena township.

Lawndale, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Inglewood, Lennox and other unincorporated territory are placed in the Inglewood township.

The new justice courts will begin to operate as separate units of July 1, with present incumbent justices being assured of salaries of \$7,500 per year respectively.

REHABILITATION

Installation of rock groins and replacement of sand at the Redondo county beach will take place as result of inspection by county and Redondo Beach officials.

McKenzie Murder Trial Continued

The murder trial of Ruth McKenzie, originally scheduled for Tuesday, was continued to June 16 by Judge William R. McKay because a material witness, Captain Ernest Ashton of the Torrance police, was absent and would not return until June 15, it was announced yesterday.

Miss McKenzie is charged with the fatal stabbing of her fiancé, Jack Clifford Floyd



FIFTY YEAR SEPARATION ENDS . . . Pictured here are members of the Buxton family at a reunion in Torrance, the first time that the four brothers and one sister had been together for 50 years. Top photo (by Torrance Herald) shows the group at the Bronson C. Buxton home, 1500 El Prado, on Saturday. Left to right, Harrison H. Buxton, B. C. Buxton, Clara B. Buxton Tyson, Frederick J. Buxton and Bertram C. Buxton. Lower photo, taken in November, 1897, at the last reunion of all family members, shows, top row, Bertram, Bronson C. and Harrison Buxton. Center are the late Charles H. Buxton, father of the quintet, Frederick Buxton, and the late Sarah Buxton, their mother. Center is Mrs. Clara B. Tyson as she appeared at the reunion a half century ago.

Torrance Man Is Honored By National Group

Fred Carpenter, well known assistant secretary of the National Supply Company, was elected divisional vice president of the National Association of Credit Men at the association's convention held last week in New York City. The association has the largest membership of any business group, excepting the United States Chamber of Commerce. Carpenter's territory covers the entire western portion of the United States including the Hawaiian Islands.

Previous to his election as divisional vice president, Carpenter was a national director of the National Association of Credit Men. He returned this week from the convention in New York City, where he took an active role in its program.

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